

NEWBURGH'S EXCISE WAR.

PERSISTENT CRUSADE AGAINST ILL-LEGAL LIQUOR SELLING.

A New Mode of Prosecution by Which Re-spectable Tipplers are made Unwilling Witnesses.—The Clergy's Part in the Crusade.

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The Curious Case of a Young Woman whose One Husband Accused of Bigamy.

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